

2026

From the Principal's Desk:

Please make sure you send your children to school with snow pants, boots, mittens and hats everyday. We try to have outdoor recess whenever possible. Some mornings it is below zero but by the afternoon the temperature rises and we go outside. Fresh air and movement are good for our learners, but we need them to be safe and warm. If you need assistance with any of these winter items please let the school know.

When the weatherman warns of blizzard conditions, please let your child and their teacher know of your plans. Please be prepared for late starts and early dismissals. Keep the office updated on phone numbers and emergency contacts.

Thank you for sharing your children with us every day. Have a wonderful
NEW YEAR!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hatton

Jan 5 - Return to school

Jan 9 - Quarter 2 ends

Jan 19 - No school for Martin

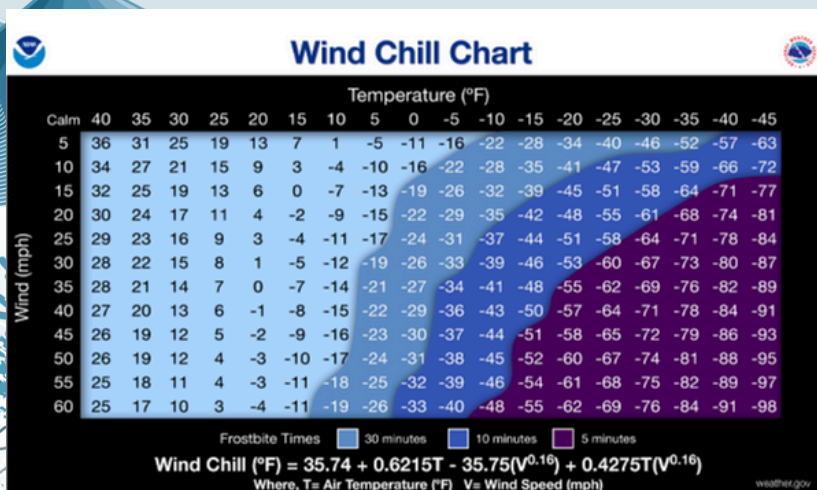
Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 23rd - Early Dismissal

(12:20) - No AM preschool /

PM preschool

attends 8:30-11:30



Child Find Notice

The Watertown School District has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designated to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing within its geographical boundaries who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The Watertown School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services will be no cost to the parents of the child.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Watertown School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please contact Dr. Jennifer Bollinger, Director of Special Services, at 605-882-6398. "Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Watertown School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Notice of Non-discrimination

The Watertown School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Dr. Jeff Danielsen, Superintendent or
Derek Barrios, Assistant Superintendent at
P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201
605-882-6312

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforcement offices for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

Give Kids a Smile 2026

Watertown area dentists are hosting a free Give Kids A Smile event on February 6 2026 for children ages 0-18 in Codington and Hamlin counties. This event focuses on families who lack dental insurance, Medicaid or the finances to receive dental care. If you are interested in signing up for this event or have questions, please contact Trinity at

Lake Area Pediatric Dentistry - (605)753-5437

Deadline for sign-up is January 19, 2026



Pizza Bash

\$5.00 person or \$20.00 family

Pizza, Pop, Chips & Cookie
Watertown High School
Boys & Girls Double Header

5:30pm - 7:00pm

SPONSORED BY **First PREMIER Bank**

FRIDAY JANUARY 30



EARLY Childhood

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

For Children 3-5 years old
Must reside in the Watertown
School District

Screen students for potential
delays in speech/language,
motor, cognitive, and
social/emotional development

Screenings offered on:

September 19, 2025

October 24, 2025

November 21, 2025

January 30, 2026



Consistent with federal and state regulations, the Watertown School District engages in ongoing "Child Find" services to locate, identify and evaluate all students with disabilities residing within its jurisdiction, age birth through 21 inclusive

McKinley Early Childhood Center

2026

JANUARY 2026

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRUIT AND MILK IS OFFERED AT ALL BREAKFAST MEALS

VEGGIE BAR, FRUIT SELECTION AND MILK SELECTION ARE OFFERED AT ALL LUNCH MEALS.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL
BREAKFAST: ⁵ POPTARTS 33G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CORN DOGS 30G BAKED BEANS 30G	BREAKFAST: ⁶ F. TOAST STICKS 38G SAUSAGE PATTY M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHICKEN OR CHEESE QUESIDILLA 33G H.B. COINS 21G	BREAKFAST: ⁷ BAGEL 31G OR BURRITO 29G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: ORANGE CHICKEN 26G FRIED RICE 27G FRUIT CUP 21G	BREAKFAST: ⁸ PANCAKE MINI 31G/MAX 36G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHICKEN TENDERS 12G/18G MASHED POT. 20G GRAVY 4G DINNER ROLL 23G	BREAKFAST: ⁹ BREAD LOAF 34G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: SPAGHETTI/MEAT 36G GREEN BEANS 4G GARLIC TOAST 12G
BREAKFAST: ¹² APPLE OR CHERRY FRUDEL 38G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: HOT HAM & CHEESE 29G BAKED BEANS 30G	BREAKFAST: ¹³ FUNNEL CAKE 38G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: TACO PIZZA 28G FRUIT CUP 21G	BREAKFAST: ¹⁴ BKfst SANDWICH (B)24G/(C)34G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHICKEN NUGGETS K-4 DRUMSTICKS 6G 9-12 WEDGES 20G BISCUITS 24G	BREAKFAST: ¹⁵ MINI BAGELS 42G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: F.T. STICKS 38G H.B. PATTY 15G SAUSAGE PATTY	BREAKFAST: ¹⁶ OATMEAL ROUND 39G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: LASAGNA ROLLUP 22G MIXED VEGGIES 12G PLAIN BREADSTICK 14G
 ¹⁹	BREAKFAST: ²⁰ FRENCH TOAST MINIS 36G/37G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: SOFTSHELL TACO 12G/23G CILANTRO LIME RICE 19G FIESTA BEANS 17G	BREAKFAST: ²¹ BENEFIT BARS 47G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHICKEN TENDERS 12G/18G CARROTS 5G	BREAKFAST: ²² CINNAMON ROLL 17G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: GOULASH 52G CORN 17G DINNER ROLL 23G	BREAKFAST: ²³ MUFFIN 29G-31G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: PIZZA 26G GREEN BEANS 4G
BREAKFAST: ²⁶ CEREL BAR 29G STRING CHEESE M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: GRILLED CHICKEN 28G BAKED BEANS 30G	BREAKFAST: ²⁷ MINI DONUTS 20G-41G YOGURT CUP 15G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: WALKING TACO 22G/30G FR. FR. CUP 21G	BREAKFAST: ²⁸ BREAK. BITES 20G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHICKEN NUGGETS 13G/16G CURLY FRIES 23G SNACK 15-32G	BREAKFAST: ²⁹ WAFFLE STIX 28-37G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHILI 10G CIN. ROLL 33G APPLESAUCE CUP 14G STRING CHEESE 1G	BREAKFAST: ³⁰ BREAD SLICE 45G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CH. ALFREDO 16G/26G BROCCOLI 5G BREADSTICK 14G